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**A Page of Reminiscence.**

Few regiments in the British Army can point to a more brilliant war record than the 45th, 1st Nottinghamshire, better known as the Derbyshires, and most recently the Sherwood Foresters. They commenced their fighting career in North America in 1755, and since then have steadily fought their way in all parts of the globe, and at every possible opportunity. Their one great ambition has been to distinguish themselves on the field, and if in the fulfilment of that ambition Death touched them on his way they met him with a smile.

And when the Angel with his darker Draught

Draws up to "Thee—take that, and do not shrink."

One and all of the regiment have been in accordance with old Omar and so their record flies high. It was their behaviour at the hard fight of Talavera in 1809 that wrung the phrase from the seldom praising lips of the iron Duke of Wellington "that stubborn old regiment."

**THE ROLL OF HONOUR.**

The more reading of the names inscribed on their colours makes the heart throb quicker and the blood pulse faster in the veins. "Fuentes d'Onore! Badajos! Vittoria! Busaco! Talavera! Ciudad Rodrigo! Salamanca! Vimiera!"—The names ring out like trumpet notes. The bitter struggle of the Peninsula is instantly recalled. One sees the carnage of the battlefield, the deeds of heroism, the sufferings of the wounded.

In 1809 the army in Portugal was reorganised and put under the command of Wellington. It consisted of five divisions of infantry and one of cavalry. The 45th—as the Sherwood Foresters were then known—were brigaded with the 88th and 74th regiments. These soon became known throughout the Peninsula as the "Fighting Third." Major-General Picton was in command.

**BLOODY BUSACO.**

It was here that some of its finest work was done. Whilst fighting desperately on the left at the battle of Busaco, a French column endeavoured to force its way between four companies of the 48th and the 88th. The position was critical, for the enemy were pouring down in overwhelming numbers; but the Colonel of the 38th rose to the occasion. He waited until the French were close up, and giving the order to charge, the 45th and 88th went forward with a ringing cheer. No troops could possibly withstand them. There was one wild melee, and then, in a mingled mass, attackers and attacked went headlong down the mountain side. Their track was marked with the dead and dying. They swept along like an avalanche, and when the bottom of the valley was reached and the last sound of the French retreat was utterly bent and destroyed.

It is related that Wellington could not contain himself on witnessing the charge. "There Boreford! Look at them now!" The exclamation, spontaneously wrung from his lips, was a confirmation of his previous opinion of them at Talavera.

Not only were they able to charge in those grim Portugal days, but they could also show their steadiness and doggedness in a retirement.

On one occasion, Wellington saw that the position of the "Third Division" was untenable, and sent them orders to retire on the entrenched camp of Fuenten Guinaldo.

It has been said that it is doubtful if the "Fighting Third" ever displayed greater steadiness than in this retirement across six miles of absolutely flat country, without supporting artillery and practically without cavalry. The French never quitted their flank, repeatedly hacking them through and through with a fierce fire of canister and round shot from six guns.

Yet they resisted every effort made to subdue them. Sometimes in squares, sometimes in desperate charges, they at last drew up at Fuenten Guinaldo.

**THE FORLORN HOPE.**

At Ciudad Rodrigo they again distinguished themselves by heading a forlorn hope for the attacking of the town. It is only fair to say that when volunteers were called for, the whole of the "Third" offered themselves. This being impossible, and as the time for the assault had arrived, Captain Martin, commanding the Grenadier company of the 45th, requested leave to lead as he stood with his company at the head of the regiment. He was reluctantly given permission, and the regiment moved out in perfect order towards the breach.

It was one of the grimdest encounters any company of the 45th had ever experienced. In the face of an appalling fire from the ramparts, they dashed down the slope, leapt into the ditch, clambered up the other side as best they could, then down into another ditch and up the wile heap of debris that rose to the great breach in the walls. Here they met the heads of other regiments engaged in the

same desperate enterprise. They swarmed up the incline together, masses of rugged stone rolling down upon them, their dead and dying falling unheeded to the bottom.

When the summit was reached, they halted aghast. The rampart was cut off from the town. They were on a wall sixteen feet high exposed to a murderous fire from the houses close to their front and from a high bank in their rear.

It was not the time for hesitation. The brigade-major noticed a few planks across the cut to the right, and over these the 45th swarmed at top speed. The others followed. More planks were found on the other side. A bridge was formed. And amid a hellish scene of carnage, fiercely contesting every foot of ground, the Fighting Third fought their way into Ciudad Rodrigo.

"HAVE AT 'EM!"

At Salamanca, it was as much as the officers could do to restrain the rank and file of the 45th from advancing, the officers being forced to press them back, until General Pakelham cried—"Let 'em loose!" Then they rushed like madmen on the bayonets of the French.

It was notorious at this time that although they were always praised for the good behaviour in camp, the 45th and the remainder of the "Third" were only happy when they were fighting the enemy. The same spirit animated their fiery hearted leader, Picton. They were held in reserve at Victoria and were chafing with rage at the delay. Picton himself grew furious, and exclaimed savagely, "Damn it! Lord Wellington has forgotten us!" An aide-de-camp rode along. "Have you any orders for me?" asked Picton. "None." "Then pray sir, what orders do you bring?" "Lord Dalhousie," replied the officer, "is to commence the attack on the bridge." Picton gasped at the idea of another division in front of the "Third," and replied with passion, "Tell Lord Wellington from me, sir, that the Third Division, under my command, will attack that bridge in less than ten minutes and carry it!" Then to his men—"Come on, ye rascals! Come on, ye fighting villains!" And they came on.

The years rolled along with easy serenity. The old regiment sustained its record in all parts of the world. The Peninsula, Ceylon, Burma, The Cape, Natal, Rio de Janeiro, Monte Video, Abyssinia, all received them with welcome. In nearly all places, the regiment left its dead as hostages.

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**The Boats and Crews.**

A meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club was held last night in connection with the annual regatta in December. Among the business done was the selection of the crews and their respective stations for the first race. The coxswains have not yet been appointed, but the club intend doing so in a few days. The names of the crews and boats are appended below:

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## NOTICE.

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G. P. JORDAN,  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1903.



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Newspapers are awaking to the  
fact that there is no immediate pros-  
pect of war between Russia and  
Japan. No sane man ever thought  
there was. War is no small matter  
to be lightly entered upon. As a  
political argument it is futile. It is  
the most ancient, the most crude,  
the most barbaric means of settling  
a dispute known to man. True, it  
has been refined to an affectation.  
Civilised warfare has degenerated to  
the level of a game. It has become  
hedged about with rules, and the  
combatant who infringes these is  
tabooed as he would be on the polo  
ground or on the football field.  
War, to effect anything, must be  
real, must be earnest. Such would  
be a war waged between Russia and  
Japan. Consequently, it would be  
far removed from the timid imagina-

tions of Fleet Street leader-writers  
fed on the Geneva Convention, nur-  
tured on the Hague Conference. It  
would be a war to the death. There  
would be no white flags, no cowering  
armistices, no courteous exchanges  
of medicine and messages of con-  
dolence. There would be no  
squeamish abstinenace from the de-  
struction of the enemy's property,  
no long lines of prisoners to bring a  
blush to the cheek of the third and  
fourth generation, no fat compensa-  
tion for damage done in the cam-  
paign. It would be real war.  
Nations, like men, are chary of  
wagering their lives upon a policy.  
And it is a policy that is at stake  
in Northern China.

Men who write leaders have pre-  
sumed that Japan was preparing to  
go to war with Russia to vindicate  
a principle. The London "Times"  
has said, "Despite the presence of  
circumstances calculated to inflame  
the patriotic and warlike spirit to  
the utmost, Japan has preserved an  
admirable calm, conscious of the  
increased power and prestige  
afforded her by her alliance with  
Great Britain. She has confronted  
her great rival with patience and  
self-possession, and she will as-  
surely exhaust no possibility of  
safeguarding her reasonable claims  
by peaceful means." Time was,  
when the "Times" was owned and  
edited by Britons, it might affect to  
speak of the "power and prestige"  
of Great Britain. The "Times" no  
longer voices the sentiment of Great  
Britain. Its word to-day is the  
word of the "Times." Simply that,  
and nothing more.

The fact is that neither Russia nor  
Japan is agitating for principle.  
Each nation is bent upon self-  
aggrandisement. In this they are in  
keeping with the spirit of a com-  
mercial age. Selfishness is the ruling  
passion with nations as with individuals.  
Four Episcopalian bishops  
recently wrote a joint letter to the  
"Times" denouncing the condition  
of affairs in Macedonia as a disgrace  
to civilisation, and calling upon  
Great Britain to interfere in the  
interests of humanity. Not Great  
Britain, or Germany, or Austria, or  
France, or the United States of  
America, or Russia, or Japan has  
felt called upon to answer that  
appeal for the vindication of a prin-  
ciple. Men and women have been  
slaughtered wholesale in the  
districts of Macedonia, women and  
children have been wounded by the  
Turkish soldiery; teachers have been  
peeled up for months in festid cellars,  
but no civilised nation has inter-  
vened to stay the hand of the butch-  
erer. When hope was dead in the  
hearts of the wretched people  
winter came, and in its still, small  
voice was the only comfort they had  
heard for months. Nature has  
shown a quicker and a surer  
sympathy with her suffering children  
than any nation in the four quarters  
of the globe. As it is in the Near  
East, so it is in the Far. Principle  
is the empty catchword of diplomacy.  
Self-aggrandisement is the very  
inspiration of practical politics. War  
is a two-edged tool, disliked of the  
selfish nation. Neither Russia nor  
Japan has aught of desire to use it.  
Each will gain her end without re-  
course to it. Meanwhile, the news-  
papers fluster and fret over the eluci-  
dations of the cables; the competing  
nations puff themselves out with  
self-glorification; and poor, sick,  
moribund China pays for all. It is  
a grim comedy—but it is a comedy.

It may be that the 1st Sherwood  
Foresters have reason to feel satis-  
fied with the remarks made by Mr.  
T. Sercombe Smith in dismissing a  
charge against two men of the regi-  
ment, but they have every reason to  
feel dissatisfied with the circum-  
stances which brought that magis-  
terial testimonial into being. The  
battalion holds a record unparalleled  
by any of its predecessors. It has  
been in the colony thirteen months,  
having arrived here on October 8,  
1902. The battalion came direct  
from Capetown, after three years on  
active service. The men had been  
almost five weeks on board ship at  
the time of their disembarkation,  
and were laden with money. In  
spite of these obstacles to strict dis-  
cipline, the battalion has been re-  
sponsible for only seven district  
courts-martial—two of these for de-  
sertion of men who sought to avoid  
service in North China. There have

Bumbleton has not yet died out in  
the land. At a recent meeting of  
the Sanitary Board a man was re-  
fused permission to place iron rail-  
ings about his verandah for no other  
reason than that it was against an  
ordinance. The Medes and Persians  
justified the immutability of their  
laws by their justice. The Sanitary  
Board has not yet given evidence of  
its infallibility in the conduct of  
affairs for the health of the colony.

Mr. Alleyne Irland is a curious  
beggar whom Fate and the "Times"  
placed upon horseback. He has  
chosen to ride roughshod over offi-  
cials in this colony. Our colonial  
adventure admittedly is bad. It was  
conceived in ignorance, has been  
administered in pettiness, but the  
men appointed to its execution are  
good men, hard working, and  
honest. The regulations of the  
Colonial Office work as much to  
the detriment of the colony as to  
their personal disadvantage as to  
the injury of the public. What Sir  
William Des Vaux execrated as the  
"policy of keeping things quiet" is  
the curse of the colonial service.  
For that silence individual and sub-  
ordinate officials are rarely respon-  
sible.

Typhoons are not of man's  
making, but the warnings are.

There is an eccentricity about these  
that disturbs the equanimity of the  
bystander almost as much as the  
tearing winds do his physical equi-  
poise. Nor are these warnings in-  
expensive luxuries. Each one costs  
the colony some eighteen thousands  
of dollars. One gazes at the ominous  
barrel across a smiling sea of green,  
and remembers the cry of "Wolf,  
wolf!" which irritated the villagers  
of a bygone age into activity. In  
1900 the wolf did descend upon the  
colony. Unfortunately, the public,  
and not the alarmist, suffered in  
consequence. It is strange how  
irrational is the working of fables in  
real life.

Nothing is so despicable in a  
community as snobbery. It saps  
the manliness out of men. It sucks  
the womanliness out of women. It  
denies to man his God-given right to  
look his neighbour in the face. It  
generates funkiness, toadiness, and  
the whole ugly brood of reptilian  
uncharitableness in humanity. Class-  
ism is a necessity, and discipline a  
good; but before God man is but  
Man on the Peak, or Man on the  
Wanchai Road. He has no higher  
attribute than manhood. In sport  
all men are equal. His Excellency  
the Governor shoots shoulder to  
shoulder with the grocer and the  
vendor of wine. He enjoys no han-  
dicap from position. So it is that  
one detests the term "second class"  
applied to the cricket clubs within  
the Hongkong Cricket League. Not  
in the Hongkong Cricket Club, or  
on the Peak, or in Government  
House is the seat of all the virtues.  
There is as good cricket played each  
Saturday in Happy Valley as ever  
upon the ground of the H.K.C.C.  
For the greater triumph of the  
colonial that talent should be utilised  
for the good of the representative  
team. Then, and then only, would  
the term "second class" be justified  
of its application.

It is reported from Russia that a  
newspaper is about to be started in  
Hongkong with the assistance of the  
Russian Government, under the title  
of the "China Morning Post." The  
American, Mr. Douglas Story, having  
visited St. Petersburg for that pur-  
pose, and his purpose being fulfilled,  
returned via the trans-Siberian  
railway.

Mr. Douglas Story is not an  
American. The newspaper is not the  
"China Morning Post." These are the  
misapprehensions of the  
Russians.

The "South China Morning Post"  
is not started "with the assistance of  
the Russian Government." That  
is the misconception of the  
Japanese.

The "South China Morning Post"  
is an independent British journal,  
free from party or political control.

It is the purpose of the newspaper  
to survey the Far Eastern situation  
without prejudice and without  
favour. In its columns Russia and  
Japan will receive absolutely equal  
treatment—a treatment dictated by  
the circumstances of the case.

SUNDAY JOURNALISM.

## A Justification.

The "South China Weekly Post"  
published the following leading  
article in its first issue on Sunday:

It were an affection to assume  
that a newspaper published on Sun-  
day will altogether escape criticism  
in such a colony as Hongkong. Con-  
ventional Sabbatarianism is inbred  
in the British bone. It is of a part  
with our Protestantism and our alle-  
giance to the crown. Men wear  
black cloths on Sunday for no other  
reason than that it is Sunday. Simi-  
larly, men eschew a Sunday journal  
for no other reason than that it is a  
Sunday journal. They forget that  
God may be worshipped just as sin-  
cerely in flannels as in broadcloth.  
They shut their eyes to the fact that

a newspaper is but conversation put  
into print; that it may be as whole-  
some, as instructive, as edifying, as  
any discourse about the vicarage  
table between services. The mills of  
God grind just as surely on Sunday  
as on Wednesday and Saturday, the  
world revolves as steadily, men are  
born and men die just as certainly as  
upon the week days. The newspaper  
has its function upon the first day of  
the week as upon the last.

Here in the East we have no  
weekly newspaper. The journals  
masquerading as such are but mail  
editions of the dailies.

It is the duty of the newspaper proprietor, as it is  
the aim of the newspaper editor, to  
provide something more comprehen-  
sive, more permanent, more leisurely  
in conception than the daily sheet.  
Such a journal if honourably con-  
ceived, judiciously constructed, and  
prudently controlled should earn the  
respect and the support of the best  
classes in a community.

The modern newspaper has taken  
the place of the old-time ambassador.  
The cynic has said the ambassador is  
sent abroad to lie for the good of his  
country. The newspaper is sent abroad  
to tell the truth for the good of  
humanity. Whereas the ambas-  
sador, by means of weary months of  
negotiation, may make or prevent  
a war; a newspaper, by means of a  
few trenchant articles, so be that  
they have truth behind them, will  
rouse a public to resent aggression,  
to reform abuses, to mould the policy  
of governments. Such is the power  
of the modern newspaper. Properly  
directed, it may effect more for  
the benefit of mankind, for the  
advancement of civilisation, for the  
vindication of the truth, than the  
pulpit or the magisterial rostrum.  
If a newspaper justify this power in  
the rush and whirl of the week day,  
still more will be required of it in the  
peace and calm of the Sabbath.  
Where this power is realised, and  
this responsibility accepted, the  
community has little cause to dread  
the appearance of a Sunday journal.

## THE WEST RIVER.

## A Land of Promise.

By a Suffering Resident.

WUCHOW, October 27.

Five years ago the West River  
although its opening to foreign trade  
was in great measure due to the in-  
telligent agitation of the mercantile  
community—for was the Hongkong  
resident a "terra incognita?" Can-  
ton he knew of—a place beyond the  
Kapsimoon Pass, where globe-trot-  
ters were wont to resort to gather  
materials for a book on China by a  
visit to the execution ground and  
flower boats.

But the West River loomed be-  
yond as an Ultima Thule—a bound-  
whence ever and again a daring tra-  
veler returned, bringing strange  
tales of midnight pirates, of stolen  
wrecks, even of murder by in-  
ebriated steamer captains. In those  
merry days it might well have been  
written above the Shauking Gorge,  
"Leave razors, store, clothes, all the  
marks of civilisation behind, with  
the exception of the revolver and  
the whisky bottle!"

But the old order changeth, giving  
place to new. One may now leave  
Canton for Wuchow almost any  
morning in the week on a well-  
appointed saloon steamer, fitted  
with electric light, baths, and every  
modern convenience. The captain  
no longer shoot Chinese as of yore.  
They write books about them in  
stead. One passes through really  
admirable scenery once the grey  
monotony of the delta is left behind  
and one arrives at Wuchow on the  
following day to find the crew of a  
British gunboat leather-hunting for  
the local cricket team, and the vil-  
lage elders playing billiards in the  
club!

Here you see in full swing the  
every-day life of a busy Chinese  
port. Huge boats laden with the  
scented produce of the Wild West  
coming noisy to anchor; ocean  
steamers of quaint construction put-  
ting out bales of cotton on one side  
and taking in all manner of native  
produce on the other; even piling  
high their decks with quacking  
ducks and chickens, while the  
patient cattle, all unconscious of the  
boners of contention they have re-  
cently provided, gaze placidly into  
space from the tween decks. Every-  
body knows how the Chinese

authorities, doubtless to mark their  
appreciation of Hongkong's dis-  
interested efforts to save the lives of  
thousands of famine-stricken people  
in Kuangsi, have done their best to  
interfere with the colony's food sup-  
ply by stopping the export of cattle  
from that province.

## THE BABY MARKET.

## NEW BATTLESHIPS.

## The Naval Programme.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 5, 6 a.m.  
The Admiralty has ordered the construction of three first-class armoured cruisers and four scouts as part of the programme voted last February.—Reuter.

## WAR MEDALS.

## Large Batch of Officers.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 5, 6 a.m.  
His Majesty yesterday presented medals to one hundred and forty-three officers of the Transport Service who took part in the South African war and the Chinese expedition.—Reuter.

## H.M.S. CENTURION.

## The China Station.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 5.  
H.M.S. Centurion was commissioned at Portsmouth on Tuesday for the China station.

The Centurion is a twin-screw, first-class armoured battleship, of 10,500 tons, with an indicated horsepower of 8,000. In the Naval Estimates for 1902-1903 provision was made for the strengthening of her secondary armaments and their protection.—Reuter.

## THE COLLISION.

## Message from the King.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 5.  
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Selborne, has conveyed to the captain and crew of H.M.S. Prince George a message from the King, in which His Majesty expresses his appreciation of the perfect discipline maintained and splendid bravery displayed by all on board after the collision with H.M.S. Hannibal.

H.M.S. Prince George was beached at Ferrol, on the north-west corner of Spain, after the collision.—Reuter.

## PEACE OR WAR?

## An Official Protestation.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 4.  
M. Savinsky, Count Lamsdorf's private secretary, has been interviewed in Paris.

He declares that there is not a single nation in Europe that desires to compromise peace by pushing matters to an extremity in the Far East.

Russia and Japan are animated by the most sincere desire for a peaceful settlement. To all appearance, this will not be long delayed.—Reuter.

## CHINESE PROTEST.

## The Mukden Coup d'Etat.

## Excitement in America.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 4.  
The Chinese Minister at Washington is pressing for American support against Russian aggression in Manchuria, notably at Mukden, where the Russians have seized and imprisoned Tseng Chi, the Tartar General.

This high-handed action undoubtedly is causing great irritation throughout the United States.—Reuter.

## PEACE IN SIGHT.

## Passing of the War Cloud.

## A Better Tone.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 3.  
The Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg, H.E. Hoo-Wei-Teh, has cabled to his Government at Peking to the effect that while the war party has long been in the ascendant he has reason to believe that a more peaceful sentiment is beginning to prevail in the counsels of the Czar.—Reuter.

## THE RAND.

## S.A. Commission's Report.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, November 3.  
It is understood that the Transvaal Labour Commission will report strongly in favour of the importation of Asiatic labourers.

The "Times," commenting upon this recommendation, expresses its doubt as to whether inexhaustible supplies of Chinese labour will be obtainable.—Reuter.

## A NEW REBELLION.

## THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, November 3.  
The Bondelswarts tribe, in German South-West Africa, are in an active state of rebellion, and the German garrison at Warmbad is reported to be annihilated.

## ADEN HINTERLAND.

## THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, November 3.  
An officer and several of the Bombay Infantry have been wounded in a skirmish in the Aden hinterland. Reinforcements have been sent to the scene of the fighting.

## THE PHANTOM FORT.

## THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, November 3.  
Reuter's correspondent at Yokohama wires that official intelligence has been received that the Russians have dismantled the fort at Yong-ampho, and withdrawn their troops, leaving only a guard of twenty police.

## THE TSAR'S VISIT.

## THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, November 3.  
The Kaiser has arrived at Weissenbaden, where unprecedented precautions have been taken to secure the safety of the Tsar.

## MINISTER WITHDRAWN.

## THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, November 3.  
President Roosevelt's continued displeasure at the turgescence and hostility of Colombia in relation to the Panama Canal, has ended by the withdrawal of the American Minister. Telegrams from Colon report a general state of unrest in the Isthmian States, and foreshadow startling developments pointing to the independence of the Isthmus. A Columbian gunboat, crammed with troops, has arrived at Colon, also the American gunboat Nashville.

## THE SAILOR PRINCE.

## THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.

LONDON, November 3.  
A crank has been caught trying to approach the President of the United States, supposedly to assassinate him. He is the second one who has been arrested within the past few weeks.—"Manila Cable news."

## OFFICER MUTILATED.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 5.  
Lieutenant Castillo has been mutilated by the Malabon insurgents, who cut the tendons of both his legs.

## REGISTRATION.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 5.  
The period for the registration of Chinese has been extended for another six months. The inhabitants are protesting.

## MANILA WEATHER.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 5.  
We are threatened with the greatest magnetic disturbance since the nineties, coincident with the appearance of the aurora in America.

On Monday the barometer was unsteady. The temperature had a maximum of 82.5. On Tuesday a minimum of 70.6.

On Wednesday the barometer fell still further over the Eastern islands. Winds were variable, the temperature had a minimum of 72.1.

The barometer to-day is falling over the whole archipelago. A depression is approaching Manila from the E.S.E. Winds are light and unsettled. The maximum temperature yesterday was 88.8. The minimum to-day is 72.2.

## SMUGGLER CAUGHT.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 5.  
A Chinaman who endeavoured to smuggle five hundred dollars worth of jewellery within a parcel of tea has had the goods confiscated.

## A BIG BAG.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 5.  
A body of constabulary scouts raided Cavite province on Tuesday. They captured 1,500 suspects, of whom fifteen have been identified as desperadoes.

These scouts released ex-Governor Trías.

## MUTINEERS ARRESTED.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 4.  
The crew mutinied on board the steamer Trigiao, looted the cabins and storerooms. The mutineers have been arrested.

## PIRATE'S REMORSE.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 4.  
Herrmann, the pirate, who is lying in gaol at Cebu, is gradually recovering from his wounds. He is suffering from remorse, and bitterly wishes that he had been killed with his partners in the crime.

## GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA, November 4.  
The Colonial Secretary has received a telegram, dated Rangoon, November 4, 1903, from the Secretary to the Government of Burma, which states that the restrictions against arrivals from Hongkong are now removed.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the withdrawal of the Proclamation No. 5, dated September 7, declaring Shanghai to be a port or place at which an infectious disease prevails, and the same is now withdrawn.

By proclamation dated November 3, 1903, the Governor has ordered that Nagasaki shall be proclaimed as a port or place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

## WASHINGTON, October 31.

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## MR. MORGAN SHUSTER.

## The Collector's Record.

Mr. W. Morgan Shuster, Collector of Customs, arrived in Hongkong on Tuesday via the steamer Zafiro en route to the United States.

In the British merchant and importing community of Manila there is great dissatisfaction felt with the way Mr. Shuster has run the customs service since he began to "straighten things out" so as to make the Philippines show a good trade balance. Such, absolutely reprehensible, tricks as charging up duty on lamps as "jewelry" because they had electro-plate bases; making a diamond importer pay diamond-duty on the cigar box in which his stones were packed, have irritated the British and foreign importers and merchants to such an extent that some of them have given up certain lines of goods they previously did a good business in. The trade showing the islands are making under the very efficient hand and manipulation of Mr. Shuster is certainly wonderful, but the question being seriously agitated is: How much of all this is real, genuine?

## A Spirited Protest.

Some weeks ago the custom house in Manila divulged secrets it had no right to give to anyone. The British merchants led the protest, and H.B.M. Consul-General W. J. Kenny and ten other consuls sent a protest to the government, with the result that the culpability was discovered to rest largely with the higher officials. It is not considered likely that there will be any retradecence of this meddling with the business of the merchants, who were extremely indignant and demanded that the matter be stopped at once.

## Go-Sip asks what good can such a Board accomplish?

**THE DIVINE ALIY.**  
The Empress Dowager has been weighed down with great anxiety owing to the Manchurian troubles, and the inability of her officials to suppress the Kwangsi rebellion.

On the fifteenth day of the eighth moon she went to pray at one of the temples, and vowed that if the gods would help her in removing the causes of her anxiety she would cancel the coming grand celebrations in honour of her birthday, and erect a new monastery as a thanksgiving to Buddha. Will Buddha listen to her prayers?

## THE COUNTER MOVE.

Prince Ching has been recently in converse with a certain friendly Minister regarding the situation in Manchuria, and the despatch of a special commission to reorganise the military forces and governments of these provinces, the said commissioner to be also empowered to deal with all diplomatic questions between China and Russia.

The matter has been discussed by the Cabinet Ministers on more than one occasion, and finally approved.

The Russian Minister getting to know of this, has been endeavouring his utmost to prevent the scheme from being carried out.

## SHUM'S PERIL.

A censor has recently memorialised the Throne to the effect that Viceroy Shum Chun Hsien has not personally investigated the cases of degraded and decapitated officials and that the fall of certain cities into the hands of the rebels in Kwangsi has been due to his incapacity. He urges the Emperor to despatch a special official to take charge of affairs in Kwangsi in order to restore peace in that province. So far, the memorial has been shelved.

## CANTON AFFAIRS.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

CANTON, November 4.  
In accordance with the request of His Excellency Shum Chun Hsien a Chamber of Commerce has recently been established at Canton for the improvement of the trade and commerce of South China.

The committee was elected on the 1st inst., and consists of representatives of the five charitable institutions and the seventy-two guilds, besides certain prominent Chinese of Hongkong.

## A MAGISTRATES END.

News has come to hand of the death of Wong Ny Hing, Magistrate of Kwai-Ping district, Kwangsi, on the seventh of the ninth moon.

It will be remembered that this was the official whom Viceroy Shum appointed to act as the custodian of the degraded and notorious Chan King Wu.

Chan managed to escape, and since then Magistrate Wong has been in despair, the Viceroy having memorialised the Throne that he be degraded and exiled.

It appears that chagrin at his sudden fall and the fear of impending punishment has caused his death.

Magistrate Wong was a personal friend of the escaped Chan King Wu, and it has been reported that he connived at his escape.

## DUCAL MARRIAGE.

NEW YORK, October 31.  
The date has been definitely set for the marriage of Miss May Gooley to the Duke of Roxburghe. The nuptials will take place on November 10.—"Manila Cable news."

## IMPERIAL CAPITAL.

## A Curious Budget.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

## PEKING, October 30.

It is currently reported in the Capital that the officials constituting the Board of Commerce have received their appointments through favour, such positions being, in fact, purchased through the higher officials, with little regard for the applicant's qualifications.

One of the Vice-Presidents of a certain Board favours candidates from Fukien province, and another those from Kiangsu province; and it is said that the rival of the Vice-President will be more successful owing to the fact that he has been the secretary of the Prime Minister and the drafter of the memorials of the Board.

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**THE DIVINE ALY.**  
The Empress Dowager has been weighed down with great anxiety owing to the Manchurian troubles, and the inability of her officials to suppress the Kwangsi rebellion.

On his return from the 7th of July last, by the death of Mr. H. A. McNamee,

Mr. F. Allshorn, Acting Harbour Master, I. M. Customs, arrived on the 12th ult. to fill the post of Tide Surveyor and Harbour Master here, which has been left vacant since the 7th of July last, by the death of Mr. H. A. McNamee.

Mr. J. C. Johnston, late Deputy Commissioner of Customs in Canton, has relieved Commissioner Edmund Paragi who obtained permission of Sir Robert Hart, to resign his post. Mr. Johnston is on his way home to enjoy his well-earned holiday after a long term of service in the Customs employ. Mr. Johnston assumed the post on October 24.

## A POINT OF LAW.

The firm of Ku Fat and Ku Fat Chun, of 76, Bonham Strand, and 129, Queen's Road Central, petitioned that a receiving order be made against their estate that they might be adjudged bankrupt.

Mr. G. K. H. Brutton appeared for petitioners.

The petition was presented by three partners in the firm. The general manager was away, and the man acting in his stead was squandering the money, and the only way to save the assets was to make the firm bankrupt. The assets came to \$6,624 and the liabilities \$7,800.

His Lordship asked how many partners there were in the firm, and having learned that there were eleven, said that he wanted to see them all, and not two or three.

Mr. Brutton said that any two partners may present a petition in the name of the firm.

His Lordship granted this if there were only two partners in the firm. It seemed to him extraordinary that two partners from a firm of eleven partners should bankrupt them all.

Mr. Brutton said that it was only necessary for two to sign such a petition.

Longip, the firm's accountant, was called. He did not know how many partners there were.

His Lordship said

## AN ESCAPE.

The German steamer Tai Lee left Swatow on October 26 bound for Sumatra, carrying 354 passengers and ballast. There was a strong N.E. wind blowing, and the barometer stood at 29.08 at 8 p.m. At night a mountainous sea was running, the wind blew with hurricane force from the north-east, and Capt. Meiklejohn decided to turn back. By 10 p.m. the ship was in a cross-sea, and water was breaking over her on both sides. The heavy rolling soon caused the funnel guys to be carried away. After the guys had been swept overboard, the funnel from about 4 ft. above the bridge followed suit. The lifeboat was smashed to atoms by the waves, and considerable damage done. The main deck suffered badly, the tarpaulins being washed off, and then the hatches. Volumes of water then poured into the holds and engine room, and the ship was in a dangerous position. The proximity of land—Breaker Point—added to the anxieties of the skipper, but he tried to keep on and make for Hongkong. Owing to the quantity of water in the engine room this was found to be impossible, and the steamer was headed for Swatow, which was safely reached at 6.30 p.m. on October 28.

The Tai Lee transhipped her passengers at Swatow to the Elise. The holds were pumped out, and she proceeded to Hongkong, where she is placed in the hands of the Hongkong and Kowloon Dock Company for repairs, &c. During the heavy weather the barometer gave no indication whatever, and stood at 30.00, only falling a little when the vessel's head was directed southward. Had the Tai Lee been loaded there is little doubt that she would have foundered.

## NEW PACIFIC LINE.

VLADISVOSTOK, Oct. 31.

A steamship line between this port and the United States will be started in the near future. It is said to have the backing of the Russian Government.—"Manila Cablenews."

## CAPONES ISLANDS.

MANILA, October 20.

Owing to inherent defects in its mechanism, the First Order Light on Capon Grande, Capones Island, is running very irregularly, and is pending permanent repairs and alterations. Mariners are cautioned not to place too much dependence on the light.

## FIRE IN THE HARBOUR.

An ingenious system has been installed on the s.s. Senece by the Standard Oil Company which provides for the immediate discovery of a fire, no matter in what part of the ship it may originate. It also provides for a hose connection to bring steam promptly to the seat of fire. This pipe system is too complicated to explain without using technicalities; but it has been most favourably reported on by the Surveyor of the American Record. It is an experiment that will be watched with interest.

## ARRIVALS AT HOME.

At 8 a.m. yesterday a large Hongkong registered junk was observed to be on fire opposite the Harbour Office. The Harbour Master immediately chartered a launch, and the burning vessel was towed to Chang Sha Wan and there beached. The junk, which had arrived from Canton, had a full cargo of bamboo brooms and other Chinese merchandise. This was completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. Had it not been for the smart manner in which the burning junk was towed clear of the other junks in the proximity, serious results would have happened.

## ANXIETY ALLAYED.

The steamer Sultan Van Langkat, bound from Singapore to Shanghai, laden with kerosene oil, is overdue. A steamer belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire reports passing a quantity of kerosene oil near the Parcels. It is feared that the steamer Sultan Van Langkat has foundered.

Later. A telegram has just been received stating the safe arrival of the steamer Sultan Van Langkat at Shanghai.

## SHIPPING DISASTER.

## N. Y. K. Liner Sunk.

## FORTY-FOUR LIVES LOST.

## OUR EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, Oct. 30, 6.55 p.m.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tokai Maru has been sunk in collision off Hakodate.

Forty-four persons were drowned.

Reuter.

The Tokai Maru, Captain S.

Kubota, is a Japanese liner running between Hakodate and Aomori. Her

registered tonnage is 695; 1,121 net.

She has a clipper bow; flush deck,

and is schooner rigged. She carried

sixteen saloon, twelve second class,

and one hundred and forty-two steer-

age passengers.

## YANGTSE BOATS.

The Human S.S. Co. have had two new vessels built for trade and passenger service on the Yangtse.

Each ship is 195ft. in length, 38ft.

beam, 7ft. in depth, and draws only

4ft. of water at full load. The hulls

are of steel, and the gross tonnage is

nine hundred tons. The cargo capacity is two hundred tons dead

weight. The ships are driven by

twin-screws, and steam ten knots per hour. There is also excellent accommodation for passengers.

The O.S.S. Co.'s Ulysses left Singapore on November 1, a.m., and is due here to-day.

The C.M. s.s. Ningchow is due here on November 12 from Tacoma, via Japan.

The C.M. s.s. Onata left Singapore on November 2, and is due here to-morrow.

The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Sungkiang left Manila for this port on the 3rd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 6th inst. at day-light.

## THE LOG BOOK.

The Clavering, formerly City of Dublin, of the well-known City Line, arrived from Moji on Wednesday, November 4, with 5,000 tons of coal, consigned to the China Commercial Company. Captain Barton reports heavy N.E. gale and high sea to Chapel Island, and moderate N.E. winds and fine weather to port. Passed the battleship Glory off Turnabout Island steaming north.

The Doric, Commander H. Smith, R.N.R., arrived November 5 with mails and passengers from San Francisco October 7, via Honolulu, October 14, Yokohama October 27, Kobe October 25, Nagasaki October 30, and Shanghai November 2. Fine weather was experienced throughout the voyage.

The Italian mail steamer Ischia arrived November 5 from Bombay and Singapore with a general cargo of 2,900 tons, consigned to Messrs. Carlowitz and Co. Captain Magazzini Danti reports having had moderate to fine weather to Singapore, though strong north-east monsoon and rough sea to port.

Captain Davies, R.N.R., of the N.Y.K. Bingo Maru, reports having passed a large junk, bottom up, two hundred miles to southward and eastward of Gap Rock.

The British steamer Polayo, from Langkat, arrived after a stormy passage. Captain Prynn reports a strong north-east gale and high sea from Cape Padarao. Two hundred miles south of Gap Rock several dismasted and abandoned junks were closely passed. No signs of life being visible, the steamer was not stopped. The vessel is en route for Shanghai with a cargo of case oil. The local agents are McBain and Co.

The British steamer Yuensang reports:—From Manila November 2, strong N.E. winds and sea, latterly moderate N.E. wind and sea.

The U.S. Navy collier Nanshan reports:—Beginning fresh breeze and drizzle; later part calm and clear.

Captain Kynock, well known in this port, rejoins his ship, the s.s. Anpho, this trip, after a spell on shore through ill-health.

One of H.M. torpedo boats returned to port yesterday after a cruise for dismasted and disabled junks. Three men were rescued in a starving condition, and landed at the Harbour Office.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Ischia, Italian s.s., 2,754, Mazan-

zini, Bombay Oct. 17th, Singapore

28th, General—Carlowitz & Co.

Gefman, Geman s.s., 1,238,

Lehmann, Shanghai Nov. 1st, Gen-

eral—S & Co.

Doric, Brit. s.s., 4,975, Smith

R.N.R. Nov. 6th, San Francisco Oct.

7th, via Honolulu 14th, Yokohama

27th, Kobe 28th, Nagasaki 30th,

Shanghai Nov. 2nd, Mails an General

—O. & O. S. S. Co.

Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, Bremer-

Quinon October 29th, Hoichow 4th,

General—S & Co.

Elg, Norw. s.s., 708, Christopher-

sen, Chefoo Oct. 29th, General—J.

& Co.

Michael Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 710,

Oldrup, Canton Nov. 4th, General—J.

& Co.

Kunyu, Brit. s.s., 1,142, Baddeley,

Canton Nov. 4th, General—B. & J.

Nanshan, U.S. Navy Collier, Tri-

deux Shanghai Oct. 31st, U. S.

Stores.

Hopsang, Brit. s.s., 1,359, Hay-

Henry Nov. 3rd, Coal—J. M. & Co.

Oscar II, Norw. 2,000, R. Olsen,

Kutchinotu Oct. 30, Coal—M. B. K.

## DEPARTURES.

Nov. 5.—Rosetta Maru, for Manila.

Triumph, for Hoichow, Keung-

for Bangkok, Kwongsang, for Can-

ton, Kwongtak, for Canton, Polayo,

for Shanghai, Glenogle, for Amoy.

Bingo Maru, route Japan Port—

Singapore, Perla, for Iloilo & Ce-

ydine, for Moji, Saxonie, for

Chungsang, for Swatow, Maida-

Maru, for Swatow, Hongkong, for

Pakhoi, Deutero, for Newchwang,

for Tientsin.

Shanghai and Chinkiang.

Chusan, via Swatow and Amoy.

Foochow, via Swatow and Amoy.

Manil, via Amoy.

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## Average Market Prices

November 5.

The Prices are given in Dollar Cents.

## BUTCHER MEAT.

Mei Lung Pa Yoke—Beef, sirloin and prime cut	lb. 16
Han Ngau Yuk—Corned Beef	" 10
Shiu Ngau Yuk—Roast Beef	" 10
Ngau Lam—Braise of Beef	" 10
Tong Yuk—Beef for soup	" 10
Ngau Yuk Pa—Beef Steak	" 10
Ngau Yuk Chong—Sausages	" per set
Ngau No—Bullock's Brains	" 10
Ngau Le—Beef Steak, Sirloin	" 10
Ngau Le—Bullock's Tongue, fresh	" each
Ngau Ngau Le—Bullock's Tongue, " corned	" each
Ngau Tau—Bullock's Head	" each
Ngau San—Bullock's Heart	" each
Ngau Ngau Kiu—Beef Ham, salt	" 10
Ngau Kok—Bullock's Kidney	" each
Ngau Le—Bullock's Liver	" each
Ngau No—Bullock's Triple, undressed	" each
Ngau Tau Tau Kok—Calves Head and set	" each
Yung Pai Kwai—Mutton Chop	" 10
Yung Pe—Lob of Mutton	" 10
Yung Shan—Mutton Shoulder	" 10
Yung Tui—Sheep's Head	" per set
Yung Shan—Sheep's Heart	" 10
Yung In—Sheep's Kidneys	" 10
Yung Shan—Sheep's Liver	" 10
Chi Kok—Pig's Feet	" each
Chi No—Pig's Brains	" per set
Chi Tsoo—Pig's Eye	" each
Chi Tui—Pig's Head	" each
Chi In—Pig's Kidneys	" pair
Chi Kon—Pig's Liver	" each
Chi Kok—Pork Chop	" each
Chi San—Pig's Kidneys	" each
Chi Kok—Pig's Liver	" each
Chi Tsoo—Stucking Pigs (to order)	" each
Shang Ngau Yuk—Beef Suet	" 10
Shang Yung Yam—Mutton Suet	" 10
Ngau Tsui—Veal	" 10
Ngau Lap Chong—Beef Sausage	" 10
Ngau Lap Chong—Veal	" 10
POLTRY.	
Kai Teal—Chicken	" each
Shin Kai—Capons	" 10
Pan Kai—Doves	" each
Shang Sheng Shou, Ap—Wild Duck	" each
Canton	" pair
Kai Tan—Hen's Eggs	" doz.
Kai Fowl, Canton	" lb.
Hot Nan Kai—Fowls, Hainan	" each
Ngau Geese	" Wild
Shang Kai—Yu Ngau—Geese, Shanghai	" each
Pak Kop—Pigeons	" Canton
On Chui—Quail	" "
To Tsui—Hare	" "
Shan Kai—Pheasant	" each
Cia Ku—Partridge	" doz.
Wua Ku Faok—Rice Birds	" each
Sai Tsoi—Snips	" each
Shon Ap—Teal	" each
Foa Kai Kung—Turkeys, Cock	" lb.
Foa Kai Mo—Turkeys, Hen	" doz.
FISH.	
Kai Yu—Barbel	" 10
Pin Yu—Bream	" 10
Tan Shou Yu—Canton Freshwater Fish	" lb.
Le Yu—Carp	" 10
Olikuk Yu—Cat Fish	" 10
Man Yu—Civifish	" 10
Hai—Cobra	" 10
Mak Yu—Cuttle Fish	" 10
Shin Mang Yu—Dahl	" 10
Wong Mai Lan—Dace	" 10
Tui To Sha—Dace Fish	" 10
Hoi Sin—Eels, Conger	" 10
Tan Shou Sin—Eels, Freshwater	" 10
Wong Shui—Eels, Yellow	" 10
Tui Kai—Frogs	" 10
Shin Pak—Gourami	" 10
Pak Kay Yu—Gudgeon	" 10
Tong Kuan Yu—Halibut	" 10
Tso Pak Yu—Herring	" 10
Wong Pak Yu—Lutras	" 10
Wu Yu—Lancet Fish	" 10
Lung Hin—Loafers	" 10
Shi Yu—Mackerel	" 10
Chai Yu—Mullet	" 10
Mong Yu—Musk Fish	" 10
Shing Yu—Oysters	" 10
Kai Kung Yu—Parrot Fish	" 10
Tau Le—Perch	" 10
Han Tso Yu—Pike	" 10
Fo Po Yu—Pike	" 10
Pak Chung—Porcupine, Black	" 10
Ming Hu—Prawn	" 10
Pi Pu—Ray	" 10
SIK Kan Kung—Rock Fish	" 10
Grou—Sea Bass	" 10
Sai Yu—Shark	" 10
Ma Yau Yu—Salmon, Canton	" 10
Shang Yu—Salmon, Freshwater	" 10
Hai—Shrimps	" 10
Piu Yu—Shrimps	" 10
Lau Yu—Shrimps	" 10
Wai Yu—Shrimps	" 10
Tui Yu—Tuna	" 10
Kok Yu—Turtles, small, freshwater	" 10
Pak Bi Yu—White Bait	" 10
FRUITS.	
Hung Yam—Almonds	" 10
Ken Shan Ping Ko—Apples	" California
Tin Tsin Pin Ko—Apples	" Canton
Gaduo	" 10
Hoi Tong—Apples, small, Cifoo	" 10
Pin Gai—Apples, Cristal, Macau	" 10
Yan Pin Bi Ko—Apples, Japanese, the	" 10
Shang Sien Heung—Fruit	" 10
Shang Heung Tsoi—Fruit, Canton	" 10
Yung Tui—Carambola	" 10
Pak Nai—Chow-achoo, Chinese	" 10
Ye Tsoi—Coco-pare	" 10
Pak Tui—Grapes	" 10
Ning Mong—Lemon, Citrus	" 10
Kun Siong Lingko—Lemons	" 10
Amerikan—Lemons	" 10
Jai Choi—Lichees, Fresh	" 10
Liukong—Limes, Saigon	" 10
Shang Heung Heung—Limes, Canton	" 10
Yung Tui—Limes, Macao	" 10
Pak Nai—Limes, Saigon	" 10
Shan Catuk Tso—Mangoes	" doz.
Shan Catuk Tso—Mangoes	" 10
Sai Kwa—Melons, Water	" 10
Pak Lam—Olives	" 10
Carica—Oranges, Canton, Sweet	" 10
Cata Chan Caring—Oranges, Sweet	" 10
O Man Ch'ang—Oranges, Macao	" 10
Cui Sa Rat—Oranges, Small	" 10
Tin Kat—Mandarin	" 10
Fa Shang—Peanuts	" 10
Shan Siu Li—Pecans, American	" 10
Sit Tsi—Pecans, Cooking, Canton	" 10
Si Li—Pecans, Shanghai	" 10
Hung Tsi—Persimmons, large	" 10
Hung Tsi—Plums, Swallow	" 10
Pun Ti Po Lo—Pineapple	" 1st qtr.
Pineapple, Cooking only	" 2nd
Tai Tsui—Plumkins	" 3rd
Luk Yam—Pumelo, Amoy	" each
China Lo Luk Yam—Pumelo, Siam	" each
San Hop Tso—Walnuts, Fresh	" 10
Hop Tso—Walnuts, Green	" 10
VEGETABLES, &c.	
Shanghai & Chi Chuik—Artichokes	" doz.
Long Noi Tsui—Asparagus	" doz.

## HONGKONG REGISTER.

November 4, 4 p.m.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

November 4, 4 p.m.

HONGKONG, Observatory, Nov. 4, 1903.

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Previous day

at 4 p.m.

On date at 10 a.m. as 1 p.m.

Barometer 30.01 30.08 29.96

Temperature 73 74 72

Humidity 60 57 61

Direction of Wind W E N

Force 1 1 2

Weather

Rain

Highest open air temperature on the 3rd 79

Lowest open air temperature on the 3rd 63

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Per Dorie, from San Francisco, &c., Mr. H. A. Burke, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Collins and 3 children, Mr. L. M. Cray, Mrs. Gladys Gordon, Mr. J. L. Hammer, Mr. W. Marion, Mr. F. A. McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClellan, Major and Mrs. E. G. Shields, Miss K. Shields, Miss C. Shields, Mrs. G. Tennyson, Mrs. G. V. Vilain, Mrs. A. Centex, Miss L. M. Center, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Master, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Middlekauf, Miss M. Middlekauf, Mr. Robert Middlekauf, Mr. F. Green, Capt. F. Kotof, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steers, Mr. S. Jones and servant, Mr. and Mrs. M. Liebert, Mr. and Mrs. V. Barton, Mrs. Mortore, Miss E. Mortero, Mr. A. Carlo, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Clough, Mrs. A. M. Campbell, Mr. O. D. Filley, Mr. W. H. Hallborg, Mrs. S. P. Holcomb and child, Mr. G. R. McBride, Mr. G. E. Rowe, Mr. H. J. E. Thomas, Miss L. L. Young, Mr. J. W. Graham, Capt. E. Hjonsby, Mr. G. Brigand, and G. A. Aldrich.

Per Yuensang, from Manila, Messrs. A. Garrison, Walter York, W. Grundy, Rudolf Schwartzman, Charles C. Rice, and 37 Chinese.

Per Ischia, from Singapore, 147 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Rosetta Maru, for Manila, Capt. J. S. Battle, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. McClellan and son, Mrs. Fred McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Pelle, Miss Mary L. Young, Messrs. H. Lee, Thos. F. Fleming, Oliver D. Riley, R. W. Hallborg, Harry J. Thomas, Louis J. Hammer, R. F. Walsh, Geo. E. Rowe, Chas. R. McBrade, L. M. Cray, George W. Vilain, Wm. Marion, F. I. Rose, Eugine Kummer, Misses Shiki Tamaka and Y. Sager.

Per Perl, for Manila, Mr. D. S. Williams, Mr. Fred. P. Warner, Misses Maria Lopes and S. S. Louis; for Hoio, Messrs. W. S. Peterson, G. Schubel and C. Senter; for Cebu, Messrs. C. Crossby, Y. May, T. Laub, S. Prantby, C. Stutter, V. Charly, S. Champane, D. Lee, S. Stapleton, V. Slinger, G. Soloway, Phranck, and D. Sing.

Per Kumano Maru, for Japan, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Heydt, Mrs. W. Reynolds, Miss Reynolds, Mrs. Mockers and child, Captain and Mrs. C. W. Lenton, Miss Tamashita, Mrs. Morikawa, Messrs. W. D. Henry, W. A. Marsack, W. F. Bowes, C. Stapleton, J. Austin, J. Davies, John D. Fitzgerald, Austin, Knox, Robert E. Mauly, Wilson R. Pope, N. Akiyama, I. Takahashi, R. Endo, K. Takahashi, S. Takashi, G. Yoshikawa, S. Murata, J. Doimine, Y. Tachibana, Y. Hashizume, and Y. Totoku.

Some important additions have just been made to the collection of pictures in the Louvre. There has been deposited there the fresco, "La Paix," which has been removed from the wall of the Cour de Comptes and mounted on canvas. Five notable pictures, bequeathed by the late M. Maurice Cottier, have also been received. Two of them, "Hamlet and the Gravedigger" and "Tigres," are by Delacroix; two, "Défaite des Cimbres" and "Murs de Rome," are by Decamps; and the fifth, a "Portrait of a Woman," is by Verspronck. M. Cottier's bequest was made nearly twenty years ago, with the condition that the pictures were to remain in the possession of his widow during her lifetime.

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## Rachel Dupont's Crime.

A French Mrs. Maybrick.  
From Our Own Correspondent.  
PARIS, October 1.

For many years no woman's head has fallen under the knife of the guillotine, but a case has just come to light which will probably result in capital punishment for the accused woman. Mme. Galtie, a young and pretty woman of twenty-four, has just been arrested at Saint Clar, near Bordeaux, on the charge of having poisoned with arsenic her husband, her grandmother, and her brother. The proofs of her guilt seem overwhelming.

At the tender age of sixteen, Rachel Dupont, the daughter of butcher, was married to a solicitor's clerk, M. Galtie, fifteen years her senior. M. Galtie was shortly afterwards appointed Justice of the Peace at Saint Clar. The couple seemed to live happily together for several years. In November last, M. Galtie became unwell, and four days later died. Three months later Mme. Galtie's mother died suddenly whilst her daughter was staying on a visit at her house. Three weeks ago Mme. Galtie's brother passed away just as suddenly at his sister's house, where he resided. Public suspicion was aroused. Several anonymous letters reached the police, and an inquiry was opened, with the result that Mme. Galtie was placed under lock and key. The police discovered without the least difficulty that the accused had purchased arsenic in large quantities from various chemists, and her purchases of the drug were mainly made at periods immediately preceding the death of a relative.

## THE RAT TRICK.

Chemists in France are not allowed to dispense arsenic, except to such persons as can produce a medical prescription for the same. Mme. Galtie presented a veterinary's prescription, and said she used the stuff for the destruction of rats. As a magistrate's wife, Mme. Galtie received and visited the better-class people of her district, and a couple of years ago a lady she frequented was robbed of all her jewellery, but the thief was never discovered. A day or two ago, when the police searched Mme. Galtie's house in connection with the charge of poisoning, all these valuables were found concealed in various parts of the premises. Strange to say, at the time of the robbery M. Galtie, as Justice of the Peace, conducted the judicial inquiry without result.

Mme. Galtie was an ambitious woman, fond of fast living and fine dresses, and to satisfy these tastes was always in search of money. Shortly before her husband's death she had persuaded him to insure his life. He signed a document in this connection which Mme. Galtie thought was the policy. It turned out, however, after the death to have been only a draft of a policy. Having failed in this direction, it is supposed she selected as her next victim her own grandmother, from whom she knew she would inherit 10,000 francs. This was not much, so she got her brother to insure for 50,000 francs in her favour in case of death, and shortly afterwards he was out of the way. She had this time particularly superintended the drawing up of the insurance papers, and when her brother died everything was found in perfect order.

Ever since her arrest, Mme. Galtie has preserved the most cynical and unconcerned attitude, chatting and laughing with her keepers, but never once alluding to the terrible charges against her.

## A ROMANTIC LIFE.

The "Manila Cablenews" has received word of the death of Robert Wilcox, formerly a revolutionist and later the delegate to Congress from Hawaii, at Honolulu on Monday last, the 26th ult. "Bob" Wilcox—says the "Cablenews"—was the son of a white father and a Hawaiian mother. As a youth he was selected as one of three to be educated by the King of Hawaii at Rome, through the favour of the King of Italy, who was seeking friendly relations with the islands.

Wilcox learned Italian, and was educated at the military college with the sons of Italian noblemen. He posed as the natural son of the Hawaiian monarch, and induced a young Italian princess to wed him. He whispered in her ear seductive tales of his magnificent island home, where a hundred retainers waited her bidding; tales of life and love by a sunny sea, with a king for a father-in-law, and gold galore. She went with him to Honolulu, and found a frugal reality. Wilcox had no money, was of common birth, and was despised by the whites. He settled down with his princess in rather a squalid fashion, and within a few months she fled to America and thence home.

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